

427—22.4(216A) Eligibility requirements. The eligibility requirements for participation in the community services block grant program are as follows:

22.4(1) Organization. The organization must meet the definition of an eligible entity as defined in rule 22.2(216A).

22.4(2) Accounting system. Any private agency must obtain an accounting system certification in accordance with Iowa Code section 11.36, if the total amount of grants and contracts received by the organization from the state during the program year will exceed \$150,000.

22.4(3) Board composition. A recognized community action agency shall be governed by a board of directors composed of at least nine members. The board membership shall be as follows:

a. One-third of the members of the board shall be elected public officials currently holding office or their representatives. However, if the number of elected officials available and willing to serve is less than one-third of the membership of the board, the membership of the board consisting of appointive public officials may be counted as fulfilling the requirement that one-third of the members of the board be elected public officials.

b. At least one-third of the members of the board shall be chosen in accordance with procedures established by the community action agency to ensure representation of the poor in an area served by the agency.

c. The remainder of the members of the board shall be members of business, industry, labor, religious, welfare, education, or other major groups or interests in the community.

22.4(4) Public agency advisory boards or delegate agencies. Notwithstanding subrule 22.4(3), a public agency which is acting as a community action agency shall establish an advisory board or may contract with a delegate agency to assist the governing board. The advisory board or delegate agency board shall be composed of the same type of membership as a board of directors under subrule 22.4(3). The advisory board or delegate agency board shall comply with the duties required for the board of directors for the community action agencies as provided in Iowa Code section 216A.95. However, the public agency acting as the community action agency shall determine annual program budget requests.

22.4(5) Ineligible recipients. Individuals, political parties and for-profit organizations, partnerships and corporations are ineligible for direct assistance from the state under this program.